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Re: Request for Information - Clayton Chemical Co.

I have tried to call but no one at the number given in the letter knows of you. (312 353 9181. The person answering the phone says the number is DOT.

I have called to leave a message at the Phone number for Thomas Martin, Esq.

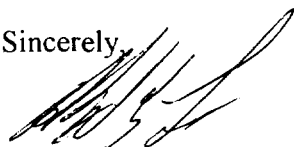
This is to request a couple of additional days to properly prepare the requested response to your Information Request. I am departing today for overseas and will not return until the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. (Tentative). I will attend to this as a matter of first priority upon return.

As an early indication of response, I regret to advise that Clayton Chemical Company is essentially out of business. Clayton Chemical was unable to secure the required bonding for the Part-B permit, was unable to secure funding of its obligations relating to the required remedial and current activities, and the land was sold for non-payment of real estate taxes. It's parent, emerald Environmental LLC, a part of Emerald Homes LP, are totally without assets, etc. as the Resolution Trust Co succeeded in a US\$25 million judgement against the company. There are no operations of any Emerald entity. I continue to answer issue to the best of my ability as the custodian of records.

As to Clayton, there is a new operator working at the site. They have possession of the historical records of Clayton Chemical and I am sure any and all information that could be gleaned from the records will be made available to you.

Once again, I will prepare the proper answer to the questionnaire immediately upon return. Messages can be left at 209 683 6708 and fax 209 683 6777.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Lee